

I am totally opposed to allowing further consolidation in the media. 96% of Americans are opposed to this. The FCC is supposed to regulate the media not have members go on 2000 plus trips at large conglomerate industry expense and not listen to the public. These are our airways. Whatever happened to conflict of interest?

The diversification of information is critical to an informed public and critical to democracy. Already the rules are too lax: media outlets no longer have to provide for at least both, if not all, sides of an issue to be presented and they no longer have a responsibility to the public to allow for public debate, etc. etc. Which, of course, is why some of the public are not even aware of this danger to our nation caused by the FCC's proposal (which, as I am given to understand the FCC is still not articulating fully) because the debate would have to require self examination of the corporation before public eyes which is not permissible. This is not freedom of press. This is propaganda and purposeful control of the media for private purposes.

Again, I am totally opposed to any further consolidation of the media and challenge the FCC to carry out their duties...to protect the public from corporate misuse...not to protect the corporations from the public.

Further, Mr. Powell should be relieved of his duties as the record clearly shows he is dancing with the large corporations, bribing the medium size corporations and leaving the public out in the cold. Clearly this is not protecting the public interest.

Sincerely,
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